

P. G. 73-19
Northampton Slave Quarters (Log)
Largo
Site

This log house was photographed by H.A.B.S., but no description was made beyond identifying it as a "slave quarters". The house is three bays in length and one in depth, and probably contained two rooms downstairs with chambers above. It held a massive central chimney. It was approximately the same size as the brick quarters at Northampton, and possibly housed two families.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Northampton Slave Quarters (Log)

AND/OR COMMON

Note: See "Physical Description" for Explanation of This Site

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Largo

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

13

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☐ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☒ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☐ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic American Buildings Survey No. Md. 17 Larg. V. 2A-1

DATE

October 12, 1936

☒ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division

CITY, TOWN

Washington, D.C.

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A photograph of this site was located during my investigation of the Historic American Buildings Survey records in the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress. The site was not visited, and apparently it has been demolished along with the main house. The following description is obtained from the photograph, a xerox copy of which is included with this report.

The house is one of two slave houses that were photographed by the Historic American Buildings Survey photographer. This one is log, is one story in height, three bays in length, and one in depth. The bays, however, are unevenly divided: the front door is not centered in the length, nor are the windows in their respective bays. The roof also slopes out toward the rear, resembling the form of a roof of a "saltbox" house. *A door is let through the gable end wall.*

The house has no porch; wooden steps with a plain railing lead up to the entrance, with shelves for storing household and farm utensils on either side of the stairs and in the front yard. The structure stands on an exposed foundation of random rubble. The log walls, which can be seen in the original photograph, are sheathed with board and batten. The roof is covered with wood shingles, as was typical of slave houses. A large brick chimney ascends through the middle of the peak of the roof. The windows are small and are closed by wooden shutters, vertically hung. A window of similar size opens through the gable end of the loft. These windows are much smaller than those on frame houses and on later 19th century log dwellings, and indicate the appearance of the more typical slave houses.

probably
In plan, the house contained at least two rooms downstairs, separated by a partition on either side of the central chimney, as at the Brome Farm slave quarters in St. Mary's County. Each room was probably warmed by back-to-back fireplaces. The elongated slope of the roof towards the rear of the house suggests that there may well have been two smaller rooms behind the front ones, perhaps serving as separate bedrooms.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES**BUILDER/ARCHITECT****STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This photograph of a slave house is more suggestive than the contemporary ones of the appearance of slave dwellings when they were inhabited and used; the front yard especially is suggestive of this. This structure was not described in the Historic American Buildings Survey records as to its date of construction nor to the number of families who occupied it. It is only designated as a "slave quarters." It is possible that it was built for two families, since it has two separate doorways leading into each room. However, this survey in southern Maryland has found that the more typical arrangement for two family dwellings is for the houses to have two doors placed in the facade.

At this house the door in the front is definitely designed and used as the front entrance, as evidenced by the things around it, and the absence of such things by the side door. It is, therefore, more likely that this house was a single family slave dwelling.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Commission on Afro-American History and Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

20 Dean Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis, Maryland

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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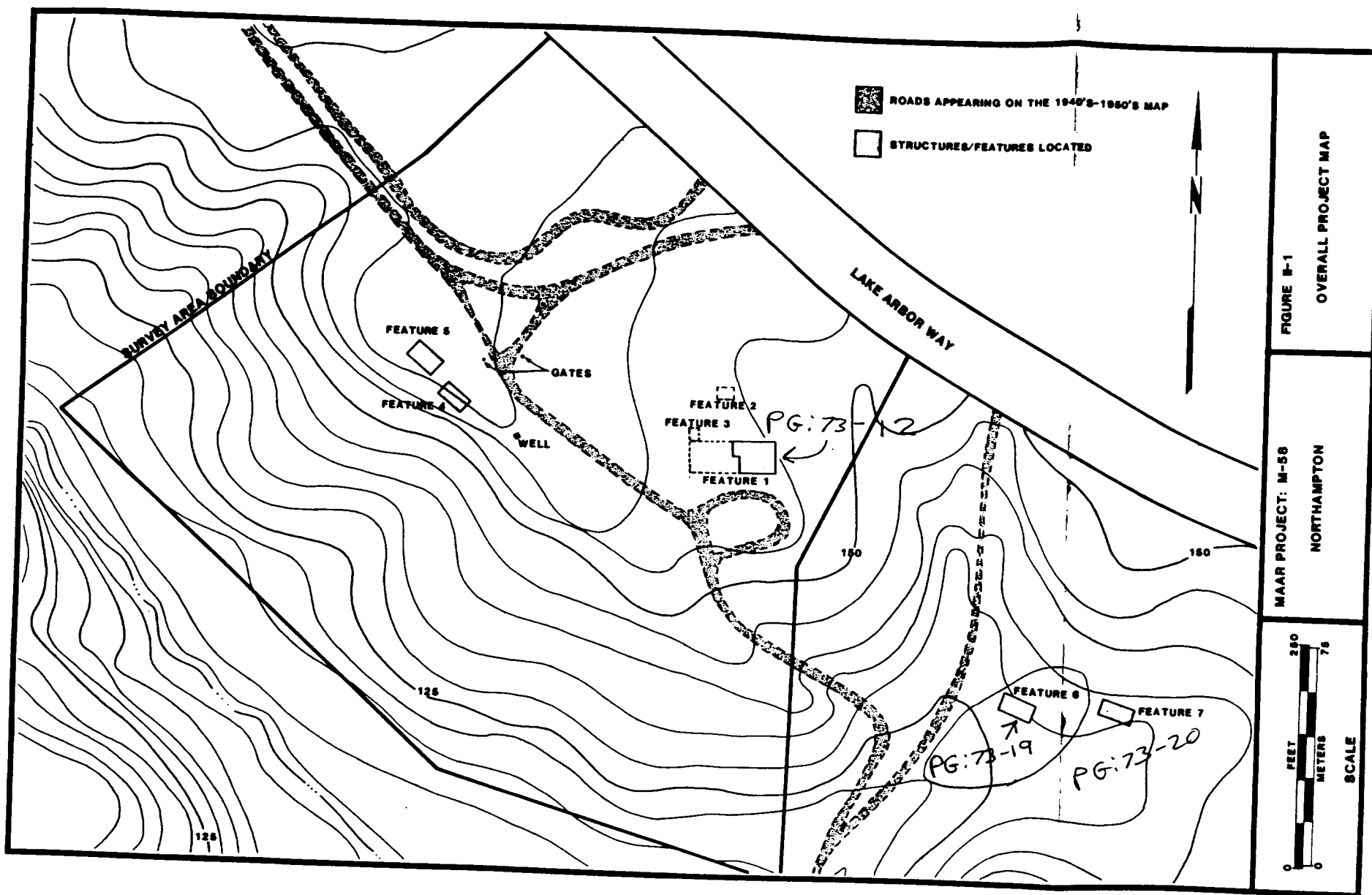
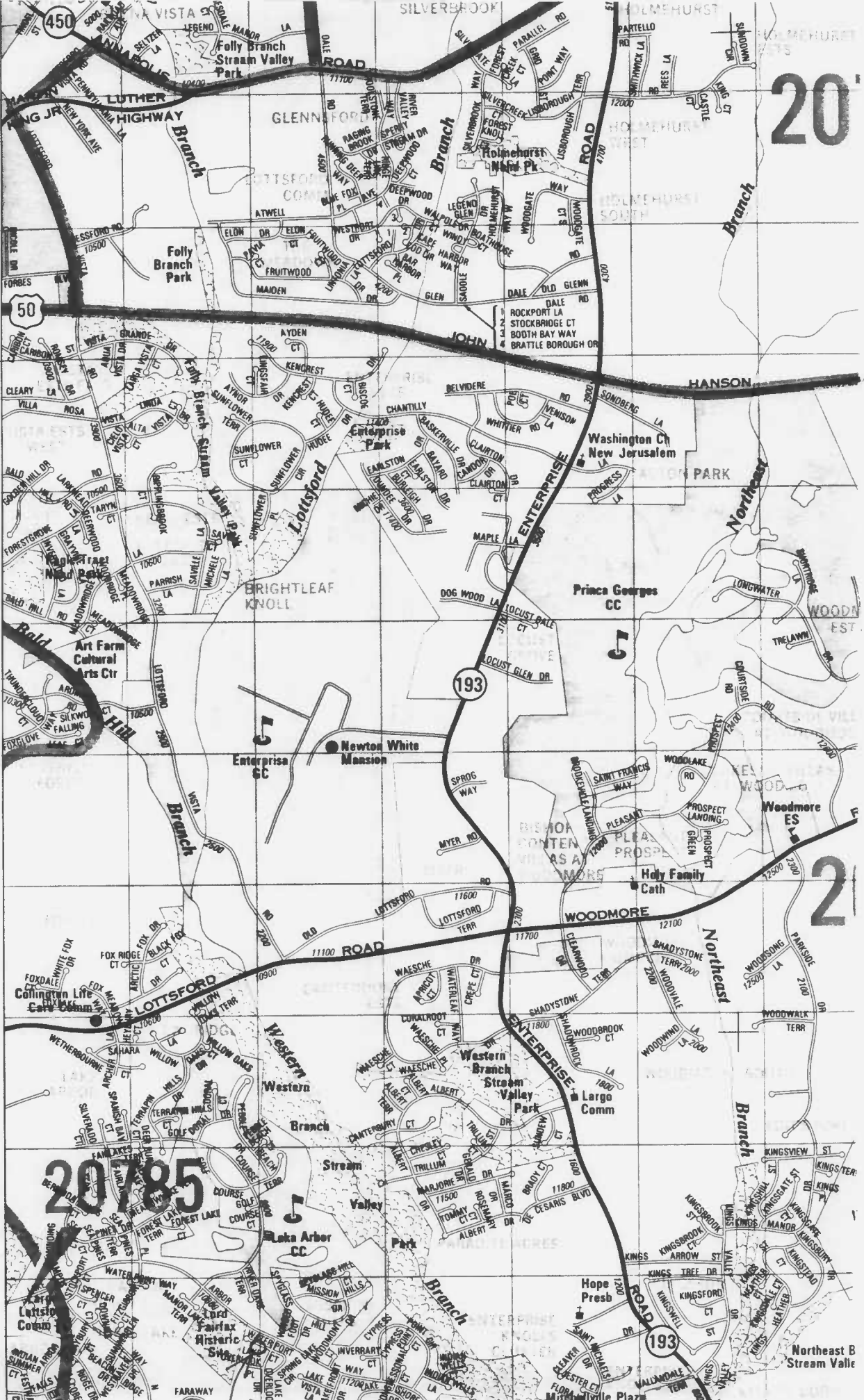
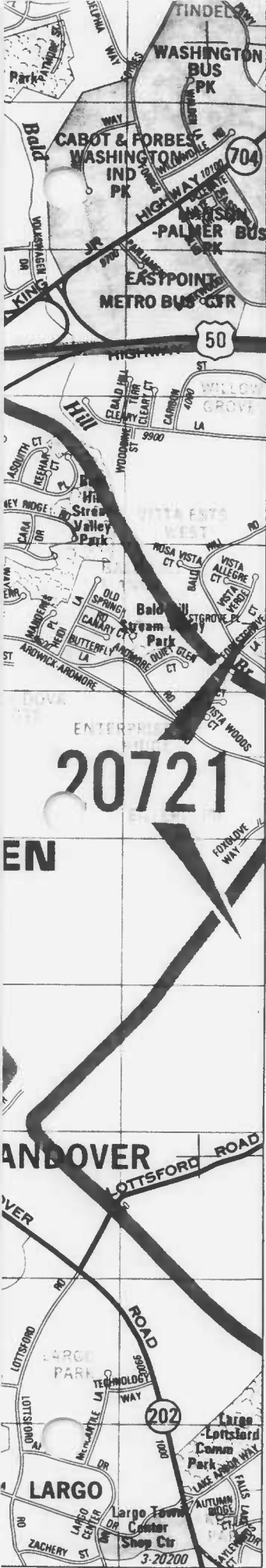


FIGURE B-1
OVERALL PROJECT MAP

MAAR PROJECT: M-58
NORTHAMPTON

SCALE
FEET 250
METERS 75







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Northampton (Slave Quarters)
Largo, Maryland
VICINITY



Historic American Buildings Survey
John C. Brostrup, Photographer

October 12, 1936
12:40 P. M.

VIEW FROM SOUTHEAST (front)

HABS NO.

M.D.

10 LARGE

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